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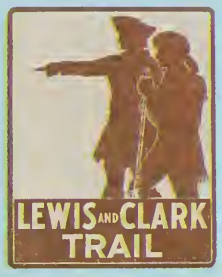
St. Mary's Lake shimmers in the pristine beauty of Montana's Glacier National Park/John Reddy photo



Relive the drama of the nation's westward expansion by retracing the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition through Montana. In just over 28 months—from May 1804 to September 1806—co-commanders Meriwether Lewis and William Clark traveled more than 8,000 miles on foot, on horseback and by boat. Well over a quarter of that distance was spent in Montana where much of the land they explored remains unchanged. Searching for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, they pushed against powerful rivers, across boundless plains, through dense forests and over massive mountain ranges. They charted a vast, new territory and made tremendous contributions to a young nation's knowledge of its western geography, resources and native inhabitants.

One of the best ways to retrace the expedition is by traveling with one of the condensed versions of the Lewis and Clark Journals, which reveal a treasure of knowledge about the deeds of these famous explorers and the land they explored. Follow the Lewis and Clark Trail in Montana along portions of US Highways 2, 12, 87, 89 and 93, State Highways 21, 41, 43, 200, 278, 324 and 434 and Interstate Highways 15, 90 and 94. The highways as well as the state highway map are marked with rectangular signs showing the figures of Lewis and Clark. Among the sites that are readily accessible from these highways are: heroic-size statues and interpretive sites in both Fort Benton **(2)** and Great Falls **(3)**, Giant Springs Heritage State Park in Great Falls **(3)**, where Clark discovered a huge "fountain or spring" during and 18-mile portage around the Great Falls of the Missouri; the Gates of the Mountains **(4)**, north of Helena on I-15, where the Missouri flows through a narrow passage flanked by what Lewis described as "the most remarkable clifts that we have yet seen."; Missouri Headwaters State Park **(5)**, near Three Forks, where the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers join to form the Missouri; Beaverhead Rock State Monument **(6)**, north of Dillon on Hwy 41, an important landmark; Lemhi Pass **(7)**, west of Hwy 324 in extreme southwestern Montana, where Lewis and Clark crossed the Continental Divide on their westward journey; Travelers Rest **(8)**, near the junction of US 12 and 93 south of Missoula, where the expedition split into two parties on the return trip east; Lolo Hot Springs **(9)**, on US 12 southwest of Missoula, where the expedition camped and bathed; Lolo Pass Visitor Center **(10)**, on US 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, which has a Lewis and Clark interpretive site, and Pompeys Pillar **(11)**, off I-94 east of Billings, where Clark carved his signature in a large rock along the Yellowstone River. Commercial boat tours retrace the route of Lewis and Clark on the Missouri River at the Gates of the Mountains **(4)**, north of Helena, and in the White Cliffs area of the Wild and Scenic Missouri River **(1)**, below Fort Benton.

The National Park Service has published an excellent interpretive map of the Lewis and Clark Trail, which can be obtained from Travel Montana, 1424 9th Ave., Helena, MT 59620, (406) 444-2654 (in Montana) or 1-800-541-1447 (outside). "The Explorers at the Portage," an interpretive map of the expedition's portage route around the Great Falls of the Missouri, is available from the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403. For more information about the Expedition, write the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.

MONTANA HIGHWAYS

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

- Multilane Divided-Controlled Access
- Two-Lane-Limited Access
- Under Construction (Major Projects)
- Full Traffic Interchange
- Partial Traffic Interchange
- Access Denied

PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS

- Multilane
- Two Lanes Paved
- Improved-Gravelled
- Unsurfaced (Local inquiry may save time)

OTHER HIGHWAYS

- Two Lanes Paved
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Mountain Standard Time with Mountain Daylight Time prevailing from first Sunday in April to last Sunday in October

ROUTE MARKERS

- Interstate Marker
- U.S. Numbered Marker
- Lewis and Clark Trail
- State Route Marker
- Other Route Marker

Abbreviations
A = Alternate
Bus = Business
BYP = Bypass
N = North
S = South
E = East
W = West

MISCELLANEOUS

- Accumulated Mileage between Red Bars
- Intermediate Mileage between towns junctions or interchanges
- Points of Interest, Numbers described to left of map
- State Parks, No Camping
- Campsites, Downhill Skiing, Early Morning Camp
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One inch represents approximately 20 miles

MONTANA MILEAGE TABLE

Mileage between two cities is determined by following the vertical column under one city and the horizontal column of the other

Mileages are computed by using red mileage figures between red stars notes at map edges showing distances to out of state cities are from last red star on map

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

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1. Maximum speed limit is 55 MPH day and night on interstate highways and 55 MPH day and night on primary and secondary highways unless otherwise posted. Trucks, buses or a combination of vehicles towing a trailer or semi-trailer shall not be maintained by a motor and shall not operate at any speed not in excess of 55 MPH.
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3. Minimum speed limits. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law. Slow speed vehicles shall not operate on any interstate highway.
4. Motor vehicles and trailers shall be equipped with lights on all sides when operated on public highways at any time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke or other conditions. Lights on motor vehicles shall be of sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in front of such vehicle and lights on trailers shall be visible at 500 feet to the rear. Parking lights shall not be used for driving purposes.
5. Use of radar detectors is prohibited.
6. Following, passing, parking on the highway or school bus loading zone is prohibited.
7. Passing a school bus which has stopped to receive or discharge children. Driver of vehicle approaching a school bus shall stop before reaching such bus when such bus displays a visible signal. Driver of vehicle may proceed only when such bus resumes motion or when signaled to do so by the driver of the bus. Violation is punishable by $100 fine or 30 days in jail or both.
8. Motorcycles and motor scooters must be equipped with a headlight and taillight at all times when operated on highways.
9. Motorcycle operators and passengers must wear protective helmets.
10. Seat belts must be worn by drivers and passengers of motor vehicles.
11. Child restraint systems must be used for children under 4 or weighing less than 40 pounds.
12. Open containers of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the passenger area of motor vehicles.
13. Littering prohibited. Violation is punishable by $25 fine or 10 days in jail or both.

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	1050 KRJC		1340 KQDI
	1400 KTVQ	Harlowton	1490 KXLO
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	1450 KWYS	Havre	1450 KOJM
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Bozeman	1290 KMMS	Helena	1440 KBLL
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Butte	1290 KBOW		1450 KXLL
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	1340 KRKR		1340 KJFM
Bozeman	1440 KBLL		1240 KLCB
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Montana Attractions

Sites listed below are keyed to the highway map, opposite side

Charlie Russell Country

Cowboys, Plains Indians, the Missouri River Breaks, cattle spreads, grass prairies and the grand Missouri River—this is where the mountains meet the plains, land memorialized by famed western artist Charlie Russell

C M RUSSELL MUSEUM (C-5), 1201 4th Ave N , Great Falls The works of Montana's beloved cowboy artist are preserved here, along with collections of western art and history C M Russell's original log cabin studio and home are adjacent

GIANT SPRINGS HERITAGE STATE PARK (C-5), east side of Great Falls. One of the largest freshwater springs in the world, Giant Springs was discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 Visit the nearby fish hatchery and visitor center and picnic along the Missouri

BEARS PAW BATTLEFIELD (B-7), 16 miles south of Chinook This site marks the surrender of the famed Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce on October 5, 1877, after a 1,700-mile retreat

FORT BENTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (C-6), Fort Benton The discovery of gold in 1862 made Fort Benton an important overland connection with Missouri River steamers, playing a significant role in the opening of the Northwest New Montana Agriculture Center and Museum of the Northern Great Plains were dedicated in 1980

DINOSAUR DIGS (C-4), Choteau Hands-on training in dinosaur fossil location and identification at the Old Trail Museum fossil beds near Choteau At the museum in Choteau fossil displays, Indian artifacts, farming and pioneer exhibits

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER (C-6), Part of the National Wild and Scenic River System, this 149-mile stretch of river offers rich wildlife, scenic, historic and recreation values It stretches from Fort Benton to the Kipp Recreation Area on the west end of the Russell National Wildlife Refuge

BUFFALO JUMP SITES Wahkpa Chu gn **(B-7),** US 2, Havre Listed in the National Register as the "Too Close for Comfort Site " Ulm Pishkun **(C-5),** off I-15 west of Great Falls Thought to be the largest prehistoric buffalo kill site in the U S interpretive trail

CHARLES M RUSSELL ART AUCTION (C-5), Great Falls Annual March exhibit, sale and auction of some of the West's finest original art, old and new

STATE FAIR (C-5), Great Falls Montana's complete summer fair (last Saturday July-first Saturday August) with exhibits, horse racing, rodeo, nightly entertainment

WINTER SPORTS Downhill skiing at Showdown ski area **(E-5)** and Rocky Mountain Hi ski area **(C-4).** Groomed cross-country ski and snowmobile trails at King's Hill Winter Sports Area **(E-5),** next door to Showdown

Mark Van Donsel photo

Custer Country

Site of the most famous Indian battle in U S history You'll also see cattle ranches, Indian reservations, coal fields, Bighorn Canyon and Pompeys Pillar

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT (C-9), 15 miles southeast of Hardin The famous Battle of the Little Bighorn between 12 companies of the U.S. Cavalry and the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians was fought here on June 25-26, 1876 Lt Col George A Custer and about 268 of his force were killed Visitor center, museum, ranger and self-guided tours

BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (C-8), southeast of Billings Bighorn Lake extends 71 miles, including 47 miles through spectacular Bighorn Canyon Below Yellowtail Dam, Bighorn River is one of the nation's premier trout rivers

POMPEYS PILLAR (F-8), 30 miles east of Billings In 1806, Captain Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition carved his signature—still visible—into this massive sandstone block and named it for Sacajawea's baby son

MAKOSHIKA (D-12), 3 miles southeast of Glendive off US 94 The Sioux Indians named this place Makoshika, meaning "bad earth" or "bad land " Striking scenery, trails, picnic sites

MEDICINE ROCKS (F-12), near Ekalaka on MT 7 A place of "Big Medicine" where Indian hunters conjured up magical spirits

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER (F-9), Hardin Cultural exhibits, restored farmhouse, log cabin, church, gas station, store, school, picnic area, visitor information center

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE MONUMENT (G-8), Pryor, between Hardin and Billings on Old Hardin Road On the Crow Reservation and once the home of Chief Plenty Coups Museum, log home and picnic area

PICTOGRAPH CAVE (F-8), 7 miles southeast of Billings off I-90 A National Historic Landmark this major archaeological site preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture Picnic sites and interpretive area

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM (E-11), Miles City Fort Keogh officers' quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Indian artifacts, Bert Clark gun collection

BILLINGS (F-8), Montana's largest city Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument, I-90 Exit 450, full information on all area attractions 2-Bit Horse Drawn Trolley Rides, downtown, summer and holidays Museums Yellowstone Art Center, Western Heritage Center, Peter Yegen Museum and Moss Mansion, a restored historical home

BUCKING HORSE SALE (E-10), Miles City Annual May rodeo, auction of rodeo stock, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting

CROW FAIR (F-9), Crow Agency Every August, Indian tribes gather for rodeo, parades and dancing

Glacier Country

Here in Montana's northwest corner, the Rocky Mountains provide a magnificent backdrop for wild rivers, pristine lakes, forests, wildlife, historic sites, golf courses, resorts, dude ranches—and the wonders of Glacier National Park

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (A-2), Living glaciers and sparkling lakes, mountain-fresh streams, brilliant wild flowers, cascading waterfalls, dense forests and watchable wildlife provide a changing panorama Going-to-the-Sun highway (open June to October), a spectacular 50-mile drive, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall Nearly a thousand miles of trails lead deep into Glacier's back country or to mountain chalets

Mountain bikes were made for Montana/David Miser photo, courtesy Big Sky Resort Association

With its many downhill and cross-country ski resorts, plus miles of groomed snowmobile trails Montana is a powder-perfect winter vacation destination/Gordon Wiltsie photo

NATIONAL BISON RANGE (D-2), off US 93 at Moiese The Range protects one of the most important remaining herds of American bison Self-guided auto tour

FLATHEAD LAKE (C-2), Occupying nearly 200 square miles, Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in the western U S The quality of the fishing is renowned East shore highway, bordered by the majestic Mission Mountains, offers 35 miles of unexcelled beauty

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION (D-2), St Ignatius Constructed in 1854, this unique Catholic Church contains 58 original murals on its walls and ceilings.

THE CONRAD MISSION (B-2), Woodland Avenue, Kalispell Built in 1895 and restored to Victorian elegance, this was the home of C E Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of Kalispell.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN (B-3), Hwys 2 & 89, west of Browning Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts and history of the tribes of the Northern Great Plains. In July, visitors may view Blackfeet Indian games, chanting, dancing and parades during the annual North American Indian Days Celebration.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA (D-2), off South Ave , west of Reserve St , Bldg 22, Missoula Western Montana history, 12 historic structures on-site

GIANT CEDARS-ROSS CREEK SCENIC AREA (B-1), MT 56, south of Bull River Stroll among cedars more than 500 years old and 250 feet tall on this handicapped-accessible 9-mile interpretive trail. Picnic area

RAVALLI COUNTY HISTORIC SITES (E-2), Bitterroot Valley St Mary's Mission was the first Catholic mission in the Northwest, established in Stevensville in 1841 The Daly Mansion was built near Hamilton in the late 1800s for Marcus Daly, an Irish immigrant who became one of Montana's colorful "copper kings "

NATIONAL WILDERNESS AREAS. All or part of eight national wilderness areas are located in Glacier Country Bob Marshall **(C-3),** Great Bear **(B-3),** Cabinets **(B-1),** Rattlesnake **(D-2),** Selway-Bitterroot **(F-2),** Welcome Creek **(E-2),** Missions **(C-2)** and Anaconda-Pintler **(F-2).**

PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE (E-3), 63 miles of Hwy 1 off I-90. Drive through high mountain passes, mining and ghost towns along the shores of Georgetown Lake

MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA (H-5), west of Yellowstone National Park On August 17, 1959, an awesome earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating Quake Lake Memorial, visitor center and scenic vista

BANNACK (G-3), off Hwy 278 west of Dillon The site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862 A walking tour of this ghost town, Montana's first territorial capital and now a state park, includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's Gallows and the Hotel Meade

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS (F-4), 47 miles east of Butte off I-90 One of the largest limestone caverns in the Northwest Naturally air conditioned, these spectacular caves are electrically lighted and safe to visit

BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD (F-3), 12 miles west of Wisdom on MT 43. Nez Perce Indians and U S Army troops fought here in 1877—a dramatic episode in the long struggle to confine the Nez Perce and other Indians to reservations

BUTTE HISTORIC DISTRICT (F-4). Much of Montana's history was written in mineral-rich Butte Old architecture, historic mines and monuments recall these colorful times Walking tours World Museum of Mining on Hell Roarin' Gulch brings a 1905 mining camp back to life

MONTANA TERRITORIAL PRISON (E-3), Deer Lodge A castle-like stone structure at the end of Main St is the site of the West's first territorial prison Now a museum with daily tours

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (E-4), 225 N Roberts, Helena The Montana Homeland exhibit explores the relationship between the people who have inhabited this place called Montana and their environment over a period of 12,000 years Charles M Russell art also on display

TOWE ANTIQUE FORD COLLECTION (E-3), 1106 Main St , Deer Lodge Antique Ford auto collection.

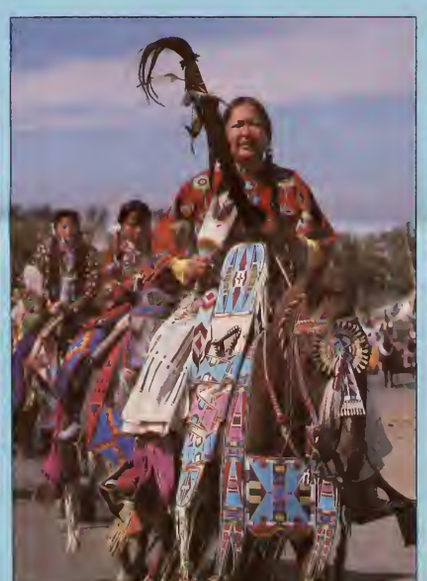
Gold West Country

Gold was the prize in this area of Montana and history is still alive in abandoned and restored gold camps You'll also find the capital city of Helena, historic mining city of Butte and world-famous, blue-ribbon trout streams and rivers

CAPITAL CITY OF HELENA (E-4). An 1864 gold discovery transformed Helena into the "Queen City of the West" and Montana's capital city Trace her evolution along Last Chance Gulch, with buildings dating back to the 1870s. St. Helena Cathedral, State Capitol, original Governor's Mansion and many historic homes and buildings

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (E-3), outskirts of Deer Lodge Once the home of one of the nation's largest and best-known 19th-century range ranches, Grant-Kohrs has been preserved as a working ranch with a bunkhouse and numerous outbuildings, wagon collection, Victorian ranch house and visitor center

VIRGINIA CITY AND NEVADA CITY (G-4), 67 miles southwest of Bozeman on Hwy 287 Virginia City is the site of the richest placer gold discovery ever made (1863) and former territorial capital Both towns have been restored to show how businesses flourished in the boom days The Virginia City Players entertain all summer long



The color and pageantry of Montana s Indian heritage can be seen every summer at Crow Fair and the powwows and celebrations of six other Indian tribes/Michael Crummett photo

Missouri River Country

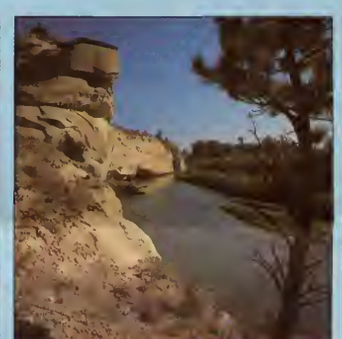
One of the world's great rivers sets the theme for a vast landscape of prairie, mountains, streams, forests, wildlife and recreation. Here, everything is big—prairies from horizon to horizon, ranches measured in miles

FORT PECK DAM AND RESERVOIR (B-10), Fort Peck This huge earth-filled dam forms a reservoir 134 miles long with more than 1,600 miles of shoreline Beautiful recreation area Home of the annual Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament Tours available

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (C-9), between Hwys 24 and US 191 southwest of Glasgow. A variety of wildlife for viewing and photographing, including a scenic loop wildlife tour at Slippery Ana, 6 miles east of US 191

BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-9), 5 miles east of Malta Established for waterfowl, this refuge protects 206 bird species Auto, hiking tours available

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (B-12), 3 miles southeast of Medicine Lake on MT 16. Abundant wildlife, self-guided auto tour Also the site of Tepee Hills Natural Area, where many tepee rings are preserved



The Tongue River is one of several rivers that feed the high plains of Eastern Montana/John Reddy photo

The Mountain Goat is one of several wildlife species that can still be seen in their natural environment in Montana/Tim Christie photo

FOSSIL BEDS (D-10), on Hell Creek, north of Jordan Paleontologists discovered an almost complete skeleton of Tyrannosaurus, the largest and fiercest carnivorous dinosaur

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE (B-11), Wolf Point Since 1901, the Granddaddy of Montana rodeos, July

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW (A-11), Scobey Thresherman's breakfast, old car and tractor display, parade, Dirty Shame Saloon Show—every July

PEGASUS GOLD'S ZORTMAN MINE (C-9), Zortman One of the largest-producing gold mines in the nation, located in the scenic Little Rocky Mountains Mine tours available

POPLAR INDIAN POWWOWS (B-11), Poplar Traditional celebrations on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, June-August.

NORTHEAST MONTANA THRESHING BEE & ANTIQUE SHOW (B-12), Culbertson Annual September event features restored steam engines, old tractors and farm implements, antiques, exhibits

FORT PECK THEATER COMPANY (B-10), Fort Peck Musicals and drama every weekend in historic Fort Peck Theater, June-August

RESTORED PIONEER TOWN OF 1990s (A-11), Scobey Homestead shack, shops, stores antique farm machinery, cars and trucks

MUSEUMS, tracing northeastern Montana's farm and ranch history, homestead era, Indian cultures, plus art and wildlife exhibits, are located in Wolf Point **(B-11),** Glasgow **(B-10),** Malta **(B-8),** Poplar **(B-11),** Sidney **(C-12),** Circle **(C-11),** Plentywood **(A-12).**

Yellowstone National Park, famous for its spouting geysers, bubbling caldrons cascading rivers, canyons and abundant wildlife lies on Montana's southern border/Courtesy Wyoming Travel Commission

Yellowstone Country

Savor the world's finest fishing in Yellowstone Country, along with the awesome Beartooth Highway, activity-named Paradise Valley, remote wilderness areas and Yellowstone National Park

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (H-5). Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone, the world's first national park, are in Montana Often termed "nature's wonderland," Yellowstone is renowned for spouting geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling caldrons, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests, waterfalls and wildlife

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY (G-7). The section of US 212 from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park Rated by Charles Kuralt as one of the 10 most scenic highways in America and newly designated a National Forest Scenic Byway. It takes about 3 hours to travel and offers views of the world's most breathtaking mountain scenery at every turn

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (F-5). Montana State University campus, Bozeman Best known for its world-class dinosaur collection, the museum has the only public planetarium in a three-state region. Other attractions are homestead history, contemporary Indian culture and the Kirk Hill Nature Area

MISSOURI HEADWATERS (F-5), Three Forks Where Lewis and Clark found the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers joined to form the Missouri. Interpretive displays, campground and picnic areas Headwaters Heritage Museum in nearby Three Forks.

NATURAL BRIDGE (G-5), 28 miles south of Big Timber Spectacular falls and river canyon Constrained by a deeply-cut chasm, during high water the river flows over a 100-foot precipice, creating Boulder River Falls.

DEPOT CENTER (F-5), Livingston Restored 1902 Northern Pacific railroad station offers historic and artistic views of the Yellowstone National Park region

POWDER PERFECT SKIING at Big Sky (G-5), Bridger Bowl (F-5) and Red Lodge Mountain (G-7). Montana is famous for its "cold smoke"—deep, dry powder snow Choose Big Sky for its world-class resort atmosphere, Bridger Bowl for its steep chutes and wide-open bowls or Red Lodge—for its relaxed, friendly feel.

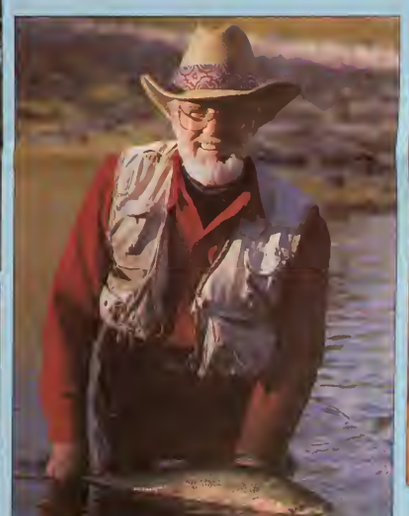
SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD (H-5), West Yellowstone Headquarters for an extensive snowmobile trail system, this lively community offers full service for winter enthusiasts Gardiner, Cooke City and many other areas in Yellowstone Country have developed snowmobile trails.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING (F-5), Big Timber Poets and musicians recite backcountry ballads and rhymes of the range August

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (G-7), Red Lodge A 9-day August celebration featuring a different nation's food music, crafts and exhibits each day

MONTANA
Unspoiled, unforgettable

The world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale in May officially kicks off the rodeo season in Montana/Michael Crummett photo



Montana's legendary rivers and lakes offer anglers the opportunity to catch wild trout in a pristine environment/Steve Bly photo

Medicine Rocks State Park, regarded by some Northern Plains Indian tribes as a place of "big medicine," is one of 50 state parks that feature Montana s natural beauty cultural heritage and recreational opportunities/Doug O'Looney photo

For travel information, contact Travel Montana, Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2654. Nonresidents call toll free 800-541-1447.

Welcome to Montana ...

We invite you to explore Montana's one-of-a-kind attractions—Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, Custer Battlefield, the Lewis and Clark Trail, scenic Beartooth and Going-to-the-Sun highways, original art by Charlie Russell and other cowboy and contemporary artists, national wilderness areas and state parks, blue-ribbon trout streams, galleries, museums, history and hospitality. We're glad you're here, so take your time and drive carefully. We have so much to share.

Governor and Mrs. Stan Stephens

The name MONTANA is derived from the Spanish word for "mountain." While the Rocky Mountains dominate western Montana, isolated mountain ranges and high plains cover the central and eastern portions of the state. Popular nicknames include the Land of the Shining Mountains, the Treasure State and Big Sky Country. Admitted to the Union on November 8, 1889, Montana is the nation's fourth-largest state, averaging 550 miles long and 275 miles wide.

Montana has just over 800,000 residents. About five percent belong to seven North American Indian tribes: the Assiniboine-Sioux, the Assiniboine-Gros Ventres, the Blackfeet, the Chippewa-Cree, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai, the Crow and the Northern Cheyenne.

In addition to millions of acres of range and cropland, Montana is richly endowed with natural resources that include water, timber, precious metals, coal, oil and natural gas. Its natural beauty, unlimited outdoor recreation and western lifestyle draw nearly four million visitors each year.

Montana's state symbols, shown below, are the Bitterroot flower, Western Meadowlark, Ponderosa Pine, agate and sapphire gemstones, Bluebunch Wheatgrass, Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout and the Grizzly Bear. In 1985, a dinosaur named Maiasaura or "Good Mother Lizard," became Montana's official state fossil. The official state seal, adopted in 1893, bears the motto "Oro Y Plata," meaning gold and silver in Spanish.